

London Club

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ENJOYED SKITS & SONGS--JUST LIKE HALLS AT Langley--

BEAT NAVY SIGNS

PORTRAYED SOME TRIBULATIONS OF DCI--LET ME TELL LIKE IT IS--

STARTED LAST JANUARY--I WAS SITTING IN NAPLES WONDERING, AS
I'M SURE WAS TED SORENSEN HERE IN D.C., WHY ANYONE WOULD WANT TO BE
HEAD OF THE CIA--WHEN THE PHONE RANG--

IT WAS A SLOW TALKING FELLOW FROM THE WHITE HOUSE--

HE SAID THERE WAS A GOOD OLD BOY FROM MY ANNAPOLIS DAYS WHO
WANTED TO TALK ABOUT SOMEBODY TO RUN OUR NEXT CLASS REUNION.

WHEN ARRIVED SAID FIRST HE HAD ANOTHER LITTLE JOB HE WANTED
ME TO DO--

HE SAID IT WOULD BE A LOW-KEY--LOW-VISIBILITY JOB.

HE SAID A FEW THINGS NEEDED DOING OUT AT THE CIA--THE CIA?

AS YOU ALL KNOW THE PRESIDENT CAN BE A VERY PERSUASIVE TALKER--

HE ASSURED ME ALL THE PROBLEMS AND BAD PUBLICITY AT CIA WERE A
THING OF THE PAST-----

HE SAID: AFTER THE ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION--CHURCH COMMITTEE AND
PIKE INVESTIGATIONS--WHAT ELSE COULD POSSIBLY TURN UP?

-----MADE SENSE-----

HE SAID: TONGSUN PARK WAS GOING BACK TO KOREA.

-----NOTHING MORE COULD GO WRONG THERE-----

HE SAID: TOM ROSS WAS JOINING THE ADMINISTRATION SO THERE WOULDN'T
BE ANY MORE BOOKS ABOUT THE CIA.

-----WHO WOULD WANT TO WRITE ANOTHER BOOK ABOUT THE CIA
ANYWAY-----

BUSH LEAGUE

SO I TOOK THE JOB

AND AS ALWAYS THE PRESIDENT WAS RIGHT--

IT'S BEEN AN UNEVENTFUL JOB EXCEPT FOR A FEW INCIDENTS DISPEL MYTHS
TONIGHT I AM HERE TO LAY SOME OF THOSE MYTHS TO REST.

PEOPLE HAVE SAID I WANT TO BE AN INTELLIGENCE CZAR.

THAT'S NOT TRUE-- (pause, shrug)

KING..EMPEROR..CROWN PRINCE, MAYBE. CZAR'S JUST TOO PASSE.

THERE ARE RUMORS THAT I'M ISOLATED BY THE NAVY MAFIA I
BROUGHT WITH ME--THAT NO ONE CAN GET TO SEE ME.

RIDICULOUS!

JUST ASK MY WIFE--SHE HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH ME JUST LAST
THURSDAY.

MRS. TURNER, HAVE YOU EVER HAD TROUBLE GETTING AN APPOINTMENT?

THERE ARE A FEW RUMORS THOUGH, e.g., THAT I AM ISOLATED BUT
I DON'T HAVE A COTERIE OF NAVAL OFFICERS ANYMORE--I'VE REPLACED
THEM WITH ARMED MARINES.

OR THAT MORALE IS BAD AT THE AGENCY. NONSENSE. JUST TODAY
SOMEONE SENT ME A BOX OF CUBAN CIGARS.

SOME PEOPLE QUESTIONED THE QUALITY OF PERSONNEL ON THE
CIA PAYROLL.

THEY INFERRED WE DID NOT HAVE TOP-NOTCH PEOPLE--
ABSOLUTELY NOT TRUE!

IN FACT, I HAD ONLY BEEN AT THE CIA A WEEK WHEN I LEARNED
THAT I HAD KING HUSSEIN AND EVANS AND NOVAK WORKING FOR ME!

WE WERE ACCUSED BY THE BRITISH PRESS OF BUGGING 10 DOWNING STREET.
I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT IS ABSOLUTELY NOT TRUE--
8 DOWNING STREET AND 12 DOWNING STREET
BUT NOT 10 DOWNING STREET.

THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF REASONS GIVEN WHY WE AREN'T GOING
TO HAVE TOURS OF THE CIA.

THEY ARE ALL UNTRUE.

WE WERE ALL SET TO GO AHEAD--EXHIBITS BUILT, TICKETS PRINTED,
SPECIAL PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTED--WHEN DISASTER STRUCK.

BILLY WANTED THE BEER CONCESSION IN THE CAFETERIA!

CONCLUSION

THANKS--FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, COMPANIONSHIP, CONVERSATION--

* KNOW--WANT REMEMBER EVERY WORD--SO PLEASE SPEAK DISTINCTLY
AND TOWARD THE FLOWERS ON YOUR TABLE.